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The International Bureau of WIPO
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Dear Colleagues,

Re: International Patent Application No. PCT/AU2004/001800
Title: Glycosaminoglycan (GAG) Mimetics
Applicant: Progen Industries Limited
Our Ref: 031392PC/KF

We refer to the International Search Report and Written Opinion.

On behalf of the applicant, we wish to file claim amendments under Article 19, specifically:

Claims 1 and 2 are amended;

Claims 3-14 are unchanged.

We enclose new pages 51-53 containing claims 1-14 with the above changes.

Yours sincerely,
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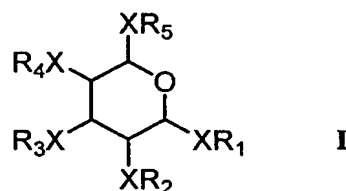
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CLAIMS

1. A compound of the formula



wherein:

each X is independently CH₂, C(O), N, O, S, S(O), S(O)₂, or is a bond; and

each of R₁ to R₅ is independently a bond or is selected from the group consisting of:

hydrogen;

halogen;

azide;

an R group defined as C1 to C8 alkyl or alkenyl, aryl or heteroaryl optionally further substituted by:

an alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl or aryloxy group;

-COOH, -S(O)₂OH, phosphate, carboxylate or tetrazolyl;

-S(O)₂OH, -S(O)OH, -S(O)R, S(O)₂R, -S(O)₂NH₂, -S(O)₂OR,

-S(O)OR;

-C(O)R;

phosphate, carboxylate or tetrazolyl;

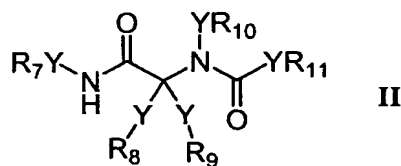
an unsubstituted or substituted heterocyclic group, wherein the substitution is by:

an alkyl or aryl group, -CH₂NHC(O)R, -CH₂N(C(O)R)₂, -CH₂OR,

wherein R is as defined above;

connected to a different R₁ to R₅ to form a new cyclic group;

a substructure based upon a group of the following formula:



wherein:

Y is H, R or -C(O)R, wherein R is as defined above;

at least one, but not more than two of R_7 to R_{11} is independently a structure according to formula I; or

a structure comprising a second unit according to formula II linked via a "Y" group wherein each unit is independently substituted by R_7 to R_{10} ;

with the provisos that:

when R_1 is $-\text{CH}_3$, $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ or $-\text{H}$ at least one of R_2 to R_5 is not $-\text{H}$ or $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$;

when a substructure of type II is not present and none of R_1 - R_5 form an anhydro bridge, no more than two of R_1 - R_5 are $-\text{S}(\text{O})_2\text{OH}$ and the stereochemistry of I is not gluco or galacto;

2. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is PG2024, PG2037, PG2173, PG2198, as hereinbefore described.
3. A compound according to claim 1, wherein said compound is any one of the compounds of Tables 1-4 of the description.
4. A pharmaceutical or veterinary composition for the prevention or treatment in a mammalian subject of a disorder resulting from angiogenesis, metastasis, inflammation, coagulation, thrombosis, and/or microbial infection, which composition comprises at least one compound according to claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable carrier or diluent for said at least one compound.
5. The composition according to claim 4 which further includes a pharmaceutically or veterinarily acceptable excipient, buffer, stabiliser, isotonicising agent, preservative or antioxidant.
6. The composition according to claim 4, wherein said compound is present therein as an ester, a free acid or base, a hydrate, or a prodrug.
7. Use of a compound according to claim 1 in the manufacture of a medicament for the prevention or treatment in a mammalian subject of a disorder resulting from angiogenesis, metastasis, inflammation, coagulation, thrombosis, and/or microbial infection.
8. The use according to claim 7, wherein said mammalian subject is a human subject.
9. A method for the prevention or treatment in a mammalian subject of a disorder resulting from angiogenesis, metastasis, inflammation, coagulation, thrombosis, and/or microbial infection, which method comprises administering to the subject an effective amount of at least one compound according to claim 1, or a composition comprising said at least one compound.

10. The method according to claim 9 wherein said mammalian subject is a human subject.
11. The method according to claim 9, wherein said disorder resulting from angiogenesis is a proliferative retinopathy or angiogenesis resulting from the growth of a solid tumour.
12. The method according to claim 9, wherein said disorder resulting from inflammation is rheumatoid arthritis, multiple sclerosis, inflammatory bowel disease, allograft rejection or chronic asthma.
13. The method according to claim 9, wherein said disorder resulting from coagulation and/or thrombosis is deep venous thrombosis, pulmonary embolism, thrombotic stroke, peripheral arterial thrombosis, unstable angina or myocardial infarction.
14. The method according to claim 9, wherein said disorder resulting from viral infection is Herpes Simplex.

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